

**THE PLANNING AND ZONING/LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA) BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COMMISSION
APRIL 1, 2009**

The Planning and Zoning/Local Planning Agency Advisory Board meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 P.M. in City Commission Chambers. This meeting is broadcast live on the local government television station (Channel 78). The Board is made up of 7 Commission appointed members and one alternate Commission appointed member. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were elected on April 23, 2008 at the monthly meeting.

Mr. Arnold Cooper	Chairperson
Mr. Armin Lovenvirth	Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Michael Butler	
Mr. Seymour Fendell	
Ms. Sheryl Natelson	
Mr. Irwin Schneider	
Hon. Eudyce Steinberg	
Ms. Terri Dillard	Alternate

There were thirteen (13) excused absences for the ten (10) Meetings held during the last year. There were no unexcused absences.

PURPOSE OF THE BOARD

The Planning and Zoning Board/LPA may make studies and recommend to the City Commission plans, goals, and objectives relating to the growth, development, and redevelopment of the City, develop and recommend to the City Commission, policies, ordinances, administrative procedures, and other means for carrying out plans in a coordinated and efficient manner; make recommendations to the City Commission concerning proposed zoning text and map changes; approve preliminary plats of major subdivision plats; and perform any other duties assigned by the City Commission or authorized by Development Ordinance.

The Planning and Zoning Board/LPA's purpose is to hold public hearings during their meetings to consider requests for site plan, etc of properties located within the City limits and to advise and formulate recommendations to the City Commission for the improvement, planned growth, health, safety and well being of the City. The Planning and Zoning Board/LPA assures development compliance within the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

The Planning and Zoning/LPA Board may grant final approval for minor Variances within the City, in accordance with Section 32-965 of the Zoning and Land Development Code. During 2008, the Planning and Zoning reviewed seven (7) Variances and approved five (5) of those Variances for the City.

Also, during the last year, the Planning and Zoning Board/LPA, reviewed and made their recommendations to the City Commission for the following:

One	(1)	Nightclub licenses
Four	(4)	Conditional Use Permits
One	(1)	Zonings/Rezoning
Eight	(8)	Text Changes
Zero	(0)	Plat Application
Zero	(0)	Plan Amendments
Zero	(0)	Minor Development

Various Planning and Zoning Board/LPA members have attended the following Meetings:

1. EDAW Presentation presenting City Wide Master Plan
2. Special Commission Workshops
3. Special Planning and Zoning Workshops
4. Community Forums
5. Chamber of Commerce Meetings
6. Citizen Advisory Boards
7. City Commission Meetings
8. Community Improvement Meetings
9. Special City Planned Events

Respectfully submitted,
Arnold Cooper, Chairman

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